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Animal Bioscience Complex Update

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THIS FACILITY IS YOURS! Unlike any other facility on the MSU campus, the Animal Bioscience Teaching Facility will truly *belong* to the agricultural industry. The teaching facility is being fully funded by private donations from individuals, ranches and agribusinesses. This facility will provide advanced technology to allow producer access to faculty and research and it will give students access to the latest in research, teaching and outreach in animal and range sciences.

PLANS PROGRESSING. The building committee has been meeting to develop the plans for the teaching facility, which will include a range learning center, a distance education facility, and new classrooms. Plans are also progressing on the USDA Agricultural Research Service research facility. The lease with MSU has been signed and approved for the site location within a stone's throw of the teaching facility.

FUNDRAISING DEADLINE LOOMS. As plans progress for the design and construction of the Complex, the deadline for raising the money for the teaching facility approaches. **Commitments of funds and donations need to be in place by June 2007** in order to progress with the final building design and construction bid process. If we do not reach our goal of \$12.5 million, the programmatic nature and scope of the facility will need to be downsized to the level of the funds available. This will limit our ability to meet the needs and goals of the Department of Animal and Range Sciences to educate and train the ranchers and leaders of tomorrow, to explore new ideas and research to benefit Montana agriculture, and to share that knowledge with Montana producers through outreach programs. Please consider making a commitment or additional gift at any level to the facility.

"Montana Livestock Ag Credit's decision to donate to the Animal Bioscience building was a no-brainer. We strive to support our youth, education, and agriculture, and this project encompassed all three. If we do not support the revitalization of the infrastructure and curriculum of agriculture education for our young people through our Land Grant University, then every thing else we do is temporary.

It was the level we donated at that took much more consideration. This is a lot of money and our annual earnings are modest. We came to the conclusion to bite the bullet and just make the gift from our capitol reserves, without the benefit of tax deductibility."

~Tim Gill, President & \$250,000 Ranchers Circle donor



"Growing up on a ranch, I know first hand that agriculture is not only the backbone of our state's economy, but also of our heritage. And I want to make sure that Montana producers have the resources they need to compete on a world wide market. I strongly support genomics research and the bioscience complex because it will not only help our producers improve their efficiency and production, it will also ensure that Montana remains on the cutting edge of agriculture research."

~ Senator Max Baucus

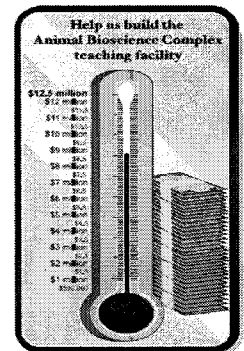




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\$8.975 MILLION IN GIFTS AND PLEDGES has been received for the teaching facility in the Animal Bioscience Complex, including 62 members of the Ranchers Circle listed below. The **Ranchers Circle** recognizes ranches, businesses, and individuals that commit \$10,000 or more to the project. "We are deeply grateful for this tremendous support and investment. The supportive vision of the range-livestock community has been outstanding," said Dr. Jeff Jacobsen, Dean of the College of Ag. If you or someone you know would like to contribute to the Animal Bioscience Complex, please call Sandra Germann or Jeff Jacobsen at 406-994-3681.



The members of the Ranchers Circle as of January 24, 2007, include:

Bakwin Ranch
Bank of Baker
Bank of the Rockies
Battle Ridge Ranch (Elise Donohue & Sam Phares)
Baucus, John & Nina
Bedford, Henry and Kay
Careless Creek Land & Livestock
Cargill, Dr. A.S.
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